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MISMANAGEMENT AT TRACTOR AND DIESEL PLANTS;  
DATA ON OUTPUT OF ENGINES AND TRACTORS

TRACTOR PLANT FAILS TO MEET PLAN -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 31 Oct 52

The Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant is not carrying out its assignments for delivery of tractors and diesel engines to construction- and road-machine-building plants. There has not been one month in 1952 in which the plant has delivered its products on time. A representative of the Ministry of Construction- and Road-Machine Building recently came to Chelyabinsk and drew up a daily delivery schedule for the Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant, and Skachkov, plant director, agreed to this schedule of deliveries to construction- and road-machine building plants.

However, in the first 10-day period of October, the tractor plant shipped only 52.2 percent of the tractors and 59 percent of the diesel engines called for by the delivery schedule, and in the second 10-day period, it shipped only 34.7 percent of the tractors and 36.8 percent of the diesel engines. In the first 5 days of the final 10-day period of October, the plant has not shipped a single tractor to plants of the Ministry of Construction- and Road-Machine Building.

The plant is not entirely to blame for irregular shipments, since it sometimes receives orders to ship engines to one address, and then, several days later, the shipment is rerouted to another address.

In the third quarter of 1952, the Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant has had to pay the Chelyabinsk office of Glavstroy Mash (Main Administration for the Production of Construction Machines) a half million rubles in fines for failure to deliver tractors and diesel engines.

INVENTIONS IGNORED AT DIESEL PLANT -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 3 Oct 52

The Russkiy Dizel' Plant goes through the motions of encouraging innovations in production, but in reality valuable proposals are ignored or even opposed by the plant management.

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A technologist in the first machine assembly shop designed an original attachment for drilling holes in the hydraulic transmission housing that would make drilling faster and more accurate, but Chief Technologist Laptev turned down the proposal after a cursory examination. Only recently, after 8 months of struggle by the inventor, did Ryabinin, the new plant director, order the necessary blueprints made.

A new design for welded spherical pistons for scavenging pumps was developed 2 years ago, and its adoption would have saved considerable amounts of metal, since 100 kilograms of steel end up in shavings for each piston machined at the plant. Chief Designer A. A. Spirin, now acting chief engineer of the plant, violently opposed the innovation. Although a commission on innovations recommended that the welded piston be tested and the persons responsible for thwarting the invention be punished, nothing has been done about it.

Even if innovations are approved, it may be years before they are adopted in production. A new slide valve for scavenging pumps was approved 3 years ago, but an experimental model of the valve has not yet been built.

Dozens of innovations that were approved 2 or 3 years ago have accumulated in the tool, second machine assembly, and other shops. It is high time that the plant's party organization take steps to correct the gross neglect of innovators' proposals.

BUILDS HEAVY-OIL ENGINES -- Ashkhabad, Turkmenkaya Iskra, 1 Oct 52

An assembly shop of the Ashkhabad Repair Plant imeni 20-letiya Turkmen SSR fulfilled the 1952 plan for heavy-oil engines on 25 September and promised to build 70 heavy-oil engines above the plan by the end of 1952.

BUILD ENGINES -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 19 Oct 52

The Petrozavodsk Metal Plant produced seven internal combustion engines above the monthly plan in September.

PLANTS SUPPLY UKRAINIAN MTS WITH MACHINERY -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 22 Oct 52

Plants in other parts of the USSR are supplying the Korsun'-Shevchenkovskoy Rayon MTS, Ukrainian SSR, with equipment as follows:

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| Stalingrad Tractor Plant:               | STZ-NATI tractors                 |
| Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant:              | S-80 tractors                     |
| Vladimir Tractor Plant:                 | Universal-2 tractors              |
| Sverdlovsk:                             | Electric tractors                 |
| Novosibirsk:                            | Suspension equipment for tractors |
| Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin:   | ZIS-150 trucks                    |
| Gor'kiy Automobile Plant imeni Molotov: | GAZ-51 trucks                     |
| Taganrog Combine Plant:                 | Self-propelled combines           |
| Tula Combine Plant                      | Electric combines                 |

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SKIDDING TRACTORS BURN GREEN WOOD -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 1 Nov 52

KT-12 skidding tractors equipped with the new TsNIIME-17 gas generators which operate by burning green wood, are now being delivered to timber managements. These gas generators operate on timber waste products, and make unnecessary the special installations for drying wood and cutting it up into blocks.

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